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SUBJ: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE: STUDY ON EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON DEFENSE
EXPENDITURE OF NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES

REF: A) USNATO 300; B) USNATO 812; C) STATE 39525

SUMMARY: ECONADS AGREED THAT AT MARCH 21 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
MEETING THEY WOULD SET DATE FOR EXPERTS MEETING TO CONSIDER
SUBJECT STUDY ON BASIS ED/EC/73/125. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED
ALLIANCE MEMBERS MAY WISH DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES ON OECD
WORKING GROUP ON GNP DEFLATORS AS EXPERTS FOR NATO MEETING.
MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY MARCH 20 PREFERRED DATE
FOR MEETING AND, IF POSSIBLE, NAME OF US EXPERT WHO WILL PARTICIPATE.
END SUMMARY.

1. AT MARCH 7 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING, CHAIRMAN REPORTED
THAT DURING RECENT VISIT TO PARIS HE DISCUSSED WITH OECD WORK
BEING DONE IN THAT ORGANIZATION ON GNP DEFLATORS. ACCORDING
TO CHAIRMAN, OECD WORKING GROUP ENGAGED IN SUCH STUDY
DOES NOT EXPECT TO HAVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE UNTIL
SOMETIME IN 1975. LAULAN PROPOSED TO ECONADS, THEREFORE,
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THAT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE PROCEED WITH ITS MORE SPECIALIZED
STUDY OF EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON DEFENSE EXPENDITURE OF NATO
MEMBER-COUNTRIES, COOPERATING WITH OECD WORKING GROUP TO
EXTENT POSSIBLE. HE SUGGESTED THAT WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS,

MEETING WITH EXPERTS IN ATTENDANCE BE HELD IN NATO TO DECIDE
ON ON BEST METHODOLOGY FOR STUDY. ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE NOTE
ED/EC/73/125, WHICH WASHINGTON NOW REIVEWING, COULD BE BASIS
FOR EXPERTS DISCUSSION.

2. ECONADS AGREED THAT AT MARCH 21 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING
THEY WOULD SET DATE FOR EXPERTS MEETING AND PROVIDE, IF POSSIBLE,
NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS THAT GOVERNMENTS EXPECT TO SEND. IN THIS
CONNECTION, AND TO FOSTER COORDINATION WITH WORK BEING DONE IN
OECD, CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED ALLIANCE MEMBERS CONSIDER DESIGNATING
AS EXPERTS FOR NATO MEETING THEIR RESPRESENTATIVES ON OECD WORKING
GROUP. ACCORDING TO CHAIRMAN MEMBERS OF OECD WORKING GROUP ARE
AS FOLLOWS:

GERMANY MR. NEUTHINGER MINISTRY OF FINANCE
BELGIUM MR. BERBEECK PLANNING OFFICE
CANADA MR. SMITH PUBLIC FINANCE STATISTICS
DENMARK MR. HASENKAM FINANCE MINISTRY
UNITED STATES MR. WAITE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FRANCE MR. POMMIER (INSEE)
FRANCE MR. LION GENERAL PLANNING COMMISSARIATE
FRANCE MR. HIRSCH MINISTRY OF FINANCE-FORECASTING OFFICE
ITALY MR. EMPOLI ITALIAN DELEGATION OT OECD
NORWAY MR. HIRSCH CENTRAL OFFICE OF STATISTICS
NETHERLANDS MR. SCHOLTE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
NETHERLANDS MR. VAN HEEST OFFICE OF STATISTICS
UNITED KINGDOM MR. BROWN TREASURY
TURKEY MR. OZAYGEN PERMANENT DELEGATION OF TURKEY
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